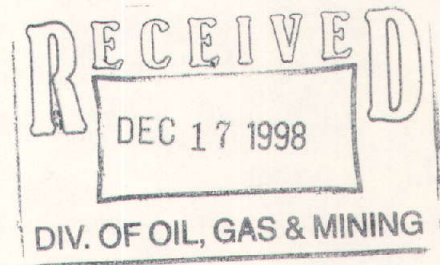


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November 6, 1998

Mr. Wayne Hedburg
Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
1509 West North Temple, Suite 1210
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Dear Mr. Hedburg:

This letter is to advise that Dakota Mining Corporation authorizes Doug Jensen to conduct all post closure environmental monitoring on behalf of USMX of Utah, Inc. and that he be paid accordingly out of reclamation fund proceeds directly.

Sincerely,

Alan R. Bell
President & Chief Executive Officer

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CC: D. Jensen